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TO AMEMBASSY MADRID IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: SPANISH NEGOTIATIONS - WORKING GROUP

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM MCCLOSKEY

1. I AM CONCERNED THAT IN THE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK THE GOS MAY SEEK MAJOR CHANGES IN WHAT WAS AGREED BY THE SECRETARY AND CORTINA. I WAS STRUCK BY YOUR CONVERSATION WITH ARIAS AND, AS YOU HAVE NOTED, CORTINA MAY BE HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY WITH THE MILITARY. THIS AT LEAST RAISES THE QUESTION THAT HE MAY NOT HAVE A CONSENSUS TO COMPLETE THE NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK WE AGREED TO AND HE MAY ORGANIZE THE WORKING GROUP TO REOPEN SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES RATHER THAN PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES TO AN AGREED FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT.

2. I BELIEVE I SHOULD CALL ON CORTINA BEFORE WE MEET IN WORKING GROUP SESSIONS TO ESTABLISH THE GUIDELINES OF OUR DELIBERATIONS. IF YOU AGREE, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD ARRANGE SUCH A MEETING FOR WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

NATURALLY, I WOULD EXPECT THAT YOU AND I WOULD GO TO-

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